TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 SPRING PRIMARY

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an <u>application</u> for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk.

You can also personally go to the clerk's office or other specified location, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot during the hours specified for casting an absentee ballot.

KIM BANIGAN, CLERK TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE 4058 COUNTY ROAD N COTTAGE GROVE, WI 53527 608-839-5021

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 5:00 P.M. FOR ABSENTEE VOTING ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013.

MILITARY ELECTORS SHOULD CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK REGARDING THE DEADLINES FOR REQUESTING OR SUBMITTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

THE FIRST DAY TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013. THE DEADLINE FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013.

THE MUNICIPAL CLERK WILL DELIVER VOTED BALLOTS RETURNED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO TO THE PROPER POLLING PLACE OR COUNTING LOCATION BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013.

ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE WILL BE COUNTED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS IF POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.